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SUBJECT: KING KHALID'S VISIT TO EGYPT

1. MINISTER HISHAM NAZER, PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION, TOLD CHARGE JULY 21 THAT KING KHALID' VISIT TO EGYPT HAD BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. EGYPTIANS WERE PLEASED AT THE SIZE AND CONSTANCY OF SAUDI ARABIAN FINANCIAL SUPPORT; ROYAL PARTY HAD BEEN DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY RENAISSANCE OF ECONOMIC LIFE ALONG THE CANAL, AND IN PARTICULAR, BY ENTERPRISE THE GOE HAD SHOWN IN BRINGING "KING FAISAL CITY" TO THE POINT OF OFFICIAL INAUGURATION IN SUCH A SHORT TIME. THE TWO CHIEFS OF STATE HAD GOTTEN ALONG WELL, AND KING KHALID LIKED PRESIDENT SADAT AND WAS IMPRESSED BY HIM.

2. NAZER SAID COMMUNIQUE WHICH WAS ISSUED AFTER CONFERENCE'S END GAVE A GOOD IDEA OF THE TONE AND NATURE OF SUBJECTS COVERED. CHARGE NOTED THE COMMUNIQUE DID NOT SPEAK SPECIFICALLY OF EXPELLING ISRAEL FROM THE UN, AS THE JUST-CONCLUDED MEETING OF ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS IN JIDDA HAD DONE; NAZER ANSWERED THAT WAS CORRECT, BUT U.S. SHOULD NOT BE TOO HEARTENED BY THAT FACT. (SEPTEL).

3. NAZER SAID HE WAS CERTAIN THE GOE DID NOT WANT THE UN OBSERVER FORCE PULLED OUT OF SINAI, AND HE THOUGHT IT WOULD

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BE RECEPTIVE TO SOME FORMULA THAT WOULD ENABLE EGYPT TO

PRESERVE ITS SELF RESPECT, AND AT THE SAME TIME, ALLOW THAT
FORCE TO REMAIN. IF THE STATUTORY BASIS FOR THE FORCE'S
PRESENCE HOWEVER WERE ALLOWED TO LAPSE COMPLETELY, NAZER
FEARED EGYPT MIGHT BECOME MORE VULNERABLE TO RADICAL ARAB
ACCUSATIONS THAT IN THE FACE OF ISRAELI FOOT-DRAGGING THE
GOE WAS NOT VERY ZEALOUS ABOUT RECOVERING OTHER ARAB TER-
RITORIES, OR EVEN ITS OWN.

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